(c) if so, what steps are being taken to check the alarming situation in the interest of safety of passengers, rolling stock, tracks, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. However, safety is an important concern of Indian Railways and several steps are taken by Railways to ensure safe rail travel.

Foreign Direct Investment in Education Sector

*254. SHRI RS. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open Elementary Education Sector to Foreign Direct Investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have set up any Committee to eA^{3}mine the subject;

(d) if so, recommendation made by the Committee; and

(e) reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Proposals of Foreign Direct Investment in the education sector are being examined on case by case basis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Joint ventures in milk production

*255. SHRIV.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRIJ. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to allow joint